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ALEXANDRIA VISITED BY WORST STORM SINCE 1896. DAMAGE WILL AMOUNT TO MORE THAN $75,000. MANY BUILDINGS ARE WRECKED.

The manufacturies of Alexandria have been at a Standstill today. Mayor Fisher Ordered Alexandria Co. Lighting Co.. to cut off its Current on account of danger of People Being Killed by Live Wires which Littered Streets.

Loss From Storm Will Approximate $75,000

The Heaviest Loss is That of Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company Co. Who Place Loss at $6,000. Old Dominion Glass Co.'s $3,000.

The Gazette has been promised electric current at every hour today and up to late this afternoon expected to issue its regular edition. As our entire plant is operated by electricity it was impossible to set any type or operate our presses.

DEATH OF MRS. CATON

Mrs. E. A. Caton, widow of Samuel F. Caton and mother of Mr. James R. Caton of this city, died at 10 o'clock today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Davis, at Ilda, in Fairfax County. Mrs. Caton has for the last two years made her home in this city. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning from the home of Mrs Davis and interment will be in Bethel cemetery

BYRD FOR GOVERNOR IN 1917

At the meeting of the Virginia Bar Association at Hot Springs it was stated that Richard Evelyn Byrd would be the unopposed democratic nominee for Governor of Virginia in 1917

HORSE KILLED TODAY

A horse attached to a wagon of the Mutual Ice Company was killed on Duke street. near Fairfax, early this morning. The annimal stepped upon a live wire.

STORM OF 1896.

The storm of yesterday was the second in seventeen years. On Thursday, Sept. 29, 1896, a tornado (some say a cyclone) caused great damage in Alexandria. Unlike the disturbance of yesterday, death followed in its wake and two lives were snuffed out by falling walls and chimneys. While yesterday's storm caused damage in every section of the city fatalities and accidents were not sad incidents of the fury of the elements.

While the damage and inconvenience occasioned is great, we have much for which to be thankful. There are no vancant chairs in homes as the result of the storm, nor is any one nursing injuries. Hence it could have been much worse.

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STORM IN WASHINGTON

Three dead, score injured and hundred of thousands of dollars' worth of property ruined were the toll recorded in the hurried canvas made when Washington city aroused itself from half an hour of helplessness in the grasp of the elements yesterday evening.

Out of a blazing sky, under which the city was sweltering with the temperture at the 100 point, came the storm, roaring from the north driving a mass of clouds that cast a mantle of total darkness over the city.

The gale, reached a velocity of nearly 70 miles an hour, swept the street clear, unroofed houses, tore detached small structures from their foundations, wrecked one office building and overtuned wagons and carriages.

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WAS NOT ASKED TO RESIGN.

R. W. P. Garnett, who during the past ten years has held the positions of U. S. Commissioner and Deputy Clerk of the United States District Court in this city, says he voluntary tendered his resignation as clerk, as the increasing volume of business in that tribunal was taxiug him beyond his powers.

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As was stated in the Gazette Alexandria Council No. 5 F. O. A., will hold their regular meeting tonight, A lecture will be delivered on the occasion by Rev. A. W. Davis, of Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Davis will take for his subject, "American Patriotism."